



# RMP News

## An Update...

Dear Reader:

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take a moment to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and to thank you for your continued involvement in the Boise District planning process.

This year has been a busy one with six public meeting held in June and July to address alternatives for both the Snake River Birds of Prey NCA and Bruneau planning areas. Following the public meetings we convened members of the Resource Advisory Council to help us refine the preliminary draft alternatives based on public comment and input from local, state and federal agencies. As a result, we reformatted the preliminary draft alternatives to make them more reader friendly. As always, it's taking longer than anticipated to address all the comments; however, we still hope to have the drafts available for public review next spring.

On July 21, we held a public meeting to outline the route designation process.

During the meeting, we indicated that public validation of routes would begin in August. This has been delayed as we have focused our attention on the route selection criteria, which you will hear more about later. We will likely not seek public input or review (validation) of routes in the NCA or Bruneau Planning Areas until the RMPs are finalized and we can dedicate more of our attention to this

important process. This delay will not affect the route designation process that is currently underway for the Owyhee Front. In late January or early February, we will be dedicating a newsletter entirely to the route designation process and the proposed route selection criteria, so please stay tuned for more details.

Many of you know that the BLM District is undergoing reorganization. The Lower Snake River District is once again the Boise District. The Owyhee Field Office has been divided into the Owyhee and Bruneau Field Offices with Roy Kay serving as the Owyhee Field Manager and Mitch Jaurena the Acting Field Manager for the Bruneau. Rosemary Thomas has been named the Four Rivers Field Manager, and John Sullivan will continue as the NCA Manager. These changes, however, won't affect the public involvement process or our commitment to an open and collaborative relationship.

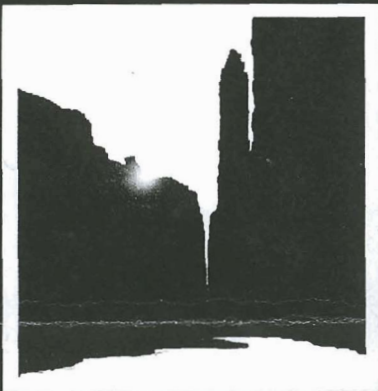
We thank you for your involvement to date, and look forward to our continued relationship as we develop Resource Management Plans that we can all be proud of.

Seasons Greetings!!!!

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Snake River Birds of Prey  
National Conservation Area



Bruneau Planning Area

